

REMARKS

Claims 9-17 are pending in the application.

By the foregoing Amendment, claims 18-26 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, in order to overcome the "double patenting" objection of paragraph 3 of the Office Action. These changes are believed not to introduce new matter, and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

All objections have been complied with, properly traversed, or rendered moot. Thus, it now appears that the application is in condition for allowance. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative so that this case may receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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